

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 142

BY SENATOR QUINN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Allows charter groups to withdraw, revise, and resubmit, a charter proposal prior to consideration by the chartering authority. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3983(A)(4)(d), relative to charter schools; to provide relative to the chartering process; to provide relative to the withdrawal, revision and resubmission of a charter proposal; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3983(A)(4)(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§3983. Chartering process by type; eligibility; limitations; faculty approval; parental approval

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(d) ~~Any proposal that is submitted to but not approved by either the local school board or the state board may be resubmitted to either board during the same approval cycle after significant revision.~~ **Prior to the consideration of a charter school proposal by any local school board or the state board, each charter applicant shall be afforded the opportunity to revise and resubmit the proposal**

based on the independent evaluation conducted in accordance with R.S. 17:3981(4) and R.S. 17:3982(A)(1)(i). However, if a proposal is not approved by either the local school board and then also not approved by the state board within the same approval cycle, then the proposal shall be submitted to the local school board for its consideration during the next approval cycle prior to being submitted to the state board.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by McHenry Lee. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

Quinn (SB 142)

Present law provides that charter proposals that are submitted but not approved by either local school boards or BESE may be resubmitted to either board during the same approval cycle after significant revision.

Proposed law deletes this provision and instead provides that prior to the consideration of a proposal by any local school board or BESE, charter applicants shall be afforded the opportunity to revise and resubmit the proposal based on an independent evaluation conducted in accordance with BESE and local board review as provided in present law.

Present law provides that if a charter proposal is not approved by the local school board and then also not approved by BESE within the same approval cycle, then the proposal must be submitted to the local school board for its consideration during the next approval cycle prior to being submitted to BESE.

Proposed law retains these provisions.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

Amends R.S. 17:3983(A)(4)(d))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Corrects coding error.